FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING JUNE 16, 2009 @ 6:00 PM

ORDERED THAT the sum of \$27,000.00 be and hereby is appropriated to the following named account: Settlement in the Claim of Beede Waste Superfund v. City of Chicopee. Said amount is to be taken from available funds in the undesignated fund balance "Free Cash" account.

CHICOPEE CITY COUNCIL





ACCEPTED 7-29-09

MEMBERS

William Zaskey, Chairman Shane Brooks, Vice-Chairman James Tillotson George Moreau Dino Brunetti John Vieau Fred Krampits

MINUTES June 16, 2009

The following are the minutes of a public hearing held Tuesday, June 16, 2009 at 6:00 PM in the City Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, City Hall Annex, 274 Front Street, Chicopee, MA 01013.

Members Present

Zaskey, Brooks, Tillotson (arrived 6:13), Brunetti, Krampits, Vieau,

Moreau (arrived 6:15)

Also Present

Councilor Zygarowski, Sue Phillips (City Solicitor), Stan Kulig (DPW

Superintendent)

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM

ITEM #1

ORDERED THAT the sum of twenty seven thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$27,000.00) be and hereby is appropriated to the following named account:

Settlement in the Claim of Beede Waste Superfund v. City of Chicopee

Said amount is to be taken from available funds in the undesignated fund balance "Free Cash" account.

Susan Phillips informed the committee that the City of Chicopee has been involved in a claim related to a superfund site in New Hampshire. The City is included in a list of many who legally disposed of certain substances in a location that is now subject to a consent decree with the State of New Hampshire and the EPA. The City did nothing wrong but because the city's dumped at this site it makes the city responsible for part of the cleanup. Over the past 10 years the City has been offered to pay a sum in exchange for a release from future liability. Each time the amount is higher. It is the Law Department's recommendation that the settlement be paid. Sue further stated that she has spoken with the city's environmental attorney who also stated that the settlement be paid because there is no grounds for the city to oppose this matter.

Motion made by Councilor Krampits to approve. Committee vote 7 - 0 favorable.

Meeting adjourned at 6:29 PM.